



# 599TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP EXECUTIVE NEWS

*"End to End Deployment and Distribution Throughout the Pacific"*

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## Deployment, Lesson Learned, and Exercise Preparations ...

The redeployment of unit cargo for Talisman Saber '05 proved to be challenging.

Based upon the strict agriculture and customs requirements for Australia we learned some valuable lessons concerning the required documentation for importing exercise cargo. Documentation was equally important on the redeployment; however, some of the units did not ensure complete inventories via container were made available. Another issue was getting this documentation to the Seaport of Embarkation from the inland exercise points.

Our goal for the next Australian Field Training Exercise (FTX) is to ensure the documentation requirements for import and export of unit cargo are clear and written into the Joint Task Force's (JTF) exercise directive.

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The Command was also heavily involved in the planning of execution of Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) exercise Ulchi Focus Lens 2005 (UFL 05). While most activity centered on the Command Post Exercise (CPX), we also arranged for the deployment and redeployment of III MEF cargo from Okinawa and Korea. UFL 05 gave the Group Commander the opportunity to deploy elements that supported both the Combined Seaport Coordination Center (CSCC) and the 599th Forward in Korea.

Our commercial partners provided great support in handling the surface cargo requirements between Okinawa and Korea for UFL 05.

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During this quarter we also continued to monitor the redeployment of the 25th Infantry Division's Operation Enduring



PHOTO BY ROBYN MACK

**599th Transportation Group Deployment and Distribution Support Teams ensure the smooth delivery of 25th Infantry Division cargo and equipment from Operation Enduring Freedom.**

Freedom containerized cargo. We sent small Distribution and Deployment Support Teams (DDSTs) to observe the upstuffing operations at the East Range, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, delivery point to document any irregularities. This was due in part because of pilferage of high value items in transit.

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Our planning efforts now shift to Reception, Staging, Onward movement, and Integration/Foal Eagle (RSOI/FE 06), Balikatan (BK 06), and Cobra Gold (CG 06), all of which we expected to play significant roles in terms of deploying teams and booking ocean cargo. We will also be supporting a major U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM) CPX toward the end of this calendar year.

## UPDATES:

### TIME DEFINITE DELIVERY

**THRESHOLDS:** Many of you may be familiar with the Distribution Working Group and the measurement of Distribution Lanes. These efforts were initiated by the Department of Defense and the U.S. Transportation Command to improve support to the Warfighter by the Defense Transportation System; both air and surface. Focusing on various surface distribution segments has proven effective, with substantial reductions in transit times from "factory" to destination installation.

One area of concern needs the attention of all our customers, -- the "POD to D6S" segment. Essentially, this is the time to unload the sea container, process the receipt, and issue to the requisitioner. We see an unexplainable high number of days used for this segment.

We ask everyone to review receiving procedures, coordinate with your Supply folks and see if we can obtain significant reductions in this area.

Someone ordered it, someone needs it and someone probably is using it, but none of that happened until the computer says it did!

### EXERCISE CARGO MOVEMENTS-JOPES, TPFDDs AND SEALIFT:

Just a reminder to all our deploying Warfighters. Systems are in place to plan movements, provide detail on cargo requirements, and validate the mode of transport. Usually these systems work and we are able to determine how we to move the unit, vessel type, vessel size, supercargo needs and loading or discharge limitations.

Problems arise when the data provided does not reflect the true requirement or timing needed to meet the mission. We ask that changes be kept to the absolute minimum, try to make the difficult deci-

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## Recognizing Excellence

# Horizon Lines supports mission of Guam military members, families through dedicated service

Lyvia Jabinigay, Customer Service Manager, and Mr. Raymond Cruz, Maintenance/Trucking Manager for Horizon Lines Guam, have consistently provided outstanding support for military cargo movements to and from Guam over the past 10 years.

Ms. Jabinigay has been with the company for 18 years and is responsible for customer service to include

cargo booking and documentation.

Mr. Cruz has been with the company for 14 years and is responsible for equipment maintenance and trucking.

Both have contributed in many ways over the years to the deployment readiness of military units on Guam and also the timely delivery of commissary and exchange merchandise for military members and their families.



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**Raymond Cruz and Lyvia Jabinigay,  
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*Movement Masters of the Pacific*

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sions early to prevent those last minute changes and most importantly, keep the supporting systems updated!

Help us help you! Let's roll!

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACTIVITY ADDRESS CODES:** Having both origin and destination DODAACs has not always been necessary to offer a shipment for movement in the Defense Transportation System, but it will soon be mandatory.

A recent change to the Integrated Booking System - Sustainment Web will eliminate use of "ORMRKS", a code to indicate the DODAAC was unknown.

All shippers will be required to provide a valid DODAAC for both "Shipper" and the "Receiving" Unit, location or commercial entity. Review your accounts to insure they are current, initiate action to establish DODAACs for your suppliers, contractors or deployed locations.

Valid DODAACs, with current data on file help insure your shipments are not mis-routed or lost in the transportation system!

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### How are we doing?

Feedback is vital to improving service. People with comments about SDDC's service may access the customer response form on the SDDC Web site at <http://www.sddc.army.mil> (Global Cargo Distribution window). Questions and comments specific to the 599th Transportation Group and units, can e-mail [cao@pac.sddc.army.mil](mailto:cao@pac.sddc.army.mil).